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SUBJECT:USECONOMIC AID TO SOMALIA

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1. SECRETARY HAS APPROVED RECOMMENDATION THAT UP TO DOLS
4 MILLION, SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS, BE PROGRAMMED
IN FY 1976 FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA.

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ASSISTANCE WOULD BE IN AREA OF DROUGHT RECOVERY AND

REHABILITATION (R R). WITH PAYMENT OF WATER LOAN ARREARS AND PRESIDENTIAL WAIVER OF CUBA FLAG-SHIPPING RESTRICTIONS, ONLY REMAINING LEGAL IMPEDIMENT IS CALTEX EXPROPRIATION

CASE. INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON EXPROPRIATIONS IS EXPECTED TO RULE SHORTLY THAT SOMALIA IS TAKING "APPROPRIATE STEPS" TO RESOLVE THAT DISPUTE.

2. AID HAS HELD PRELIMINARY INFORMAL DISCUSSION WITH IBRD TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF US PARTICIPATION IN IBRD/IDA-SPONSORED R & R PROGRAM, TO WHICH \$40 MILLION HAVE BEEN PLEDGED BY VARIOUS ARAB SOURCES AND \$8 MILLION BY AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FUND, IN ADDITION TO \$8 MILLION BY IDA. AID CURRENTLY THINKING IN TERMS OF PARALLEL FINANCING OF

ONE PART OF IBRD PROGRAM. DEPARTMENT AND AID WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY VIEWS AS TO HOW US MIGHT MOST BENEFICIALLY AND APPROPRIATELY PARTICIPATE IN PROGRAM.

3. AMBASSADOR SHOULD SEEK APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT SIAD URGENTLY TO INFORM HIM IN GENERAL TERMS OF OUR DECISION TO CONSIDER AN AID PROGRAM FOR SOMALIA IN FY 1976. SPECIFIC DETAILS, INCLUDING PROJECTED AMOUNTS, SHOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED. THESE DETAILS WILL BE TAKEN UP IN DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN AID AND GSDR OFFICIALS IN CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON AND MOGADISCIO.

4. WHEN AMBASSADOR'S APPOINTMENT WITH SIAD IS CONFIRMED, DEPARTMENT WILL CALL IN AMBASSADOR ADDOU AT ABOUT SAME TIME TO CONVEY TO HIM POLICY DECISION TO RENEW ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY ADDOU MEETING WITH AID OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS NATURE AND EXTENT OF ASSISTANCE. WE ALSO INTEND TO INFORM SAUDIS.

5. FOR JIDDA. ABOVE IS STRICTLY FYI. HOWEVER; WHEN AMBASSADOR LOUGHRAN HAS OBTAINED APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT SIAD, YOU WILL BE INFORMED AND AUTHORIZED TO INFORM SAUDIS AT SAME TIME SOMALIS ARE INFORMED. KISSINGER

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